

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -MARCH 2, 2010- -7:00 P.M.

Acting Mayor Matarrese convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Tam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Gilmore, Tam and Acting Mayor Matarrese – 3.

Absent: Vice Mayor deHaan and Mayor Johnson – 2.

AGENDA CHANGES

(10-086) Acting Mayor Matarrese moved approval of continuing the Public Hearing [paragraph no. 10-102], the Recommendation to Authorize the Interim City Manager [paragraph no. 10-103], and Council Referral [paragraph no. 10-104] to March 16, 2010.

Councilmember Gilmore seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 3. [Absent: Vice Mayor deHaan and Mayor Johnson – 2.]

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10-087) Proclamation Declaring April through June 2010 as Historic Preservation Season.

Acting Mayor Matarrese read and presented the proclamation to Judith Lynch, Historical Advisory Board.

Ms. Lynch provided a handout; thanked Council for the proclamation and introduced Nancy Hurd, Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and Robbie Dileo, Alameda Museum.

Ms. Dileo stated the Alameda Museum has been collecting and preserving artifacts for over fifty years; the Kids and Queen Victoria exhibit will be held on May 1st; Councilmember Gilmore will be presenting the Queen.

(10-088) Proclamation Declaring March 2010 as American Red Cross Month.

Acting Mayor Matarrese read and presented the proclamation to Helen Knudson, Leadership Council for the American Red Cross, Bay Area Chapter.

Ms. Knudson thanked Council for the proclamation and ongoing partnership and support; stated March 13th is CPR Saturday.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired how the community could help the Red Cross with efforts to help Chile.

Ms. Knudson responded currently, nothing has been set up for Chile; stated the Red Cross has a very strong chapter in Chile; Chile has strong building standards; teams will be sent to study what has and has not worked; more information will be provided within a month or so.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Acting Mayor Matarrese announced that the Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager [paragraph no. 10-097] and Resolution Opposing Proposition 16 [paragraph no. 10-098] were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Councilmember Tam moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Gilmore seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 3. [Absent: Vice Mayor deHaan and Mayor Johnson – 2.] [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*10-089) Minutes of the Special Joint City Council, Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority and Community Improvement Commission Meetings and the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 16, 2010. Approved.

(*10-090) Ratified bills in the amount of \$2,996,818.63.

(*10-091) Recommendation to Accept the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2009. Accepted.

(*10-092) Recommendation to Accept the Quarterly Sales Tax Report for the Period Ending September 30, 200. Accepted.

(*10-093) Recommendation to Approve the City of Alameda Investment Policy. Accepted.

(*10-094) Recommendation to Approve a \$74,996 Change Order to a \$570,160 Contract with Designed Mobile Systems Industries, Inc. for a Total Contract Amount of \$645,156 for Construction of the Bayport Community Building. Accepted.

(*10-095) Recommendation to Award Contract in the Amount of \$400,531, Including Contingencies, to Gallagher & Burk, Inc. for the Buena Vista Avenue Street Rehabilitation Project, No. P.W. 02-09-05. Accepted.

(*10-096) Recommendation to Award Contract in the Amount of \$613,928, Including Contingencies, to Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc. for the Webster Street/Wilver "Willie" Stargell Avenue Intersection Project – Landscape and Irrigation Improvements, No. P.W. 06-09-18. Accepted.

(10-097) Resolution No. 14427, "Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Approve Fund Pass-Through Agreement Between the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District and the City of Alameda to Receive \$1,668,154 in Federal Transit Administration Funds for the Transit and Access Plan and Implementation of Shuttle Service Improvements, and Authorize the Use of \$95,178 from Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority Funds as Matching Funds for the First Phase of the Project." Adopted.

The Supervising Civil Engineer gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Tam stated Alameda Transit Advocates' letter notes that the City's long-range Transit Plan is out of date; inquired why the Transportation Commission has not met for the last seven months and whether the Transportation Commission could have done some work to update the Transit Plan.

The Supervising Civil Engineer responded last year, the Transportation Commission established a subcommittee to work on the policy aspect of the Transit Plan; stated the Transportation Commission has acknowledged that the Transit Plan needs to be updated; the subcommittee met a couple of times last year.

Councilmember Tam inquired whether the subcommittee met over the last seven months.

The Supervising Civil Engineer responded that he does not know; stated staff will provide Council with an Off Agenda Report.

Councilmember Tam inquired when the Transportation Commission would meet to discuss the best use of the pass-through funding, to which the Supervising Civil Engineer responded the third Wednesday of the month.

Councilmember Tam requested that staff respond to whether the 2005 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) study is available and can be made available on line.

The Supervising Civil Engineer stated the 2005 Station Area Plan will be reviewed; staff is not intending to ignore anything; all studies will be reviewed moving forward; internet access is available for Alameda Point studies.

Acting Mayor Matarrese stated an explanation should be provided if the link from the Alameda Point website to the studies is not there.

Councilmember Tam moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Gilmore seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 3. [Absent: Vice Mayor deHaan and Mayor Johnson – 2.]

(10-098) Adoption of Resolution Opposing Proposition 16, the "New Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers – Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Not adopted.

Councilmember Tam stated that she would recuse herself from the item.

Acting Mayor Matarrese moved approval of continuing the item to the March 16, 2010 Council meeting.

Councilmember Gilmore seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Gilmore stated that she would still like to hear an explanation of the proposition tonight and again at the next meeting.

The Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) General Manager gave a brief presentation.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired whether voter approval would be needed from people within transmission line areas if Alameda procures power that has to go through [new] transmission lines.

The AMP General Manager responded voter approval would be needed to build new transmission lines; stated load is growing; eventually, public power systems will need to build new transmission lines; Alameda should be fine serving Alameda Point within the existing service territory; however, not everyone is taking the same viewpoint; some people think that [Proposition 16's impact on] service within a city is unclear.

Councilmember Gilmore inquired whether the proposition is directed to municipal power companies.

The AMP General Manager responded the proposition is not only directed to existing municipal power companies who may be entrusted in expanding service territories but also include entities such as Marin County, which has undertaken efforts to create a community choice aggregation system.

Councilmember Gilmore inquired whether the proposition would make things more difficult for government entities to either make it in business or expand, to which the AMP General Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Gilmore inquired whether the proposition would not place any restraints on investor-owned companies such as Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), to which the AMP General Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Gilmore inquired whether competing with entities such as PG&E would be harder for municipalities and government-owned power companies [if Proposition 16 passes].

The AMP General Manager responded in the affirmative; stated AMP does not compete head-to-head; annexations occur at green field site areas and would be a place for

competition; competition would be limited because fewer entities would be able to participate in the wholesale power market.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired what would the ambiguities [within the Proposition language] do to rates.

The AMP General Manager responded that he cannot see rates going down; stated predicting the impact would be difficult; the proposition would limit the City's flexibility to access resources.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired whether the initiative would be explained in "The Flash" flyer that accompanies bills, to which the City Attorney responded a factual explanation could be included.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired whether Council could have a full discussion on the matter when a full Council is present.

The City Attorney responded in the affirmative; stated the full presentation would be repeated and will afford a better discussion with the community.

Acting Mayor Matarrese stated the matter would be continued to March 16, 2010.

(*10-099) Resolution No. 14288, "Approving Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between the Alameda Police Officers Association Non-Sworn Unit and the City of Alameda for the Period Commencing December 20, 2009 and Ending December 18, 2010." Adopted.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(10-100) America's Cup

The Interim City Manager gave Power Point presentation.

Speakers: Andy McKinley, Alameda; Michael Britt; William Williford, Rock Wall Winery; Tim Leathers, Alameda Marinas; Melody Marr, Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Moehring, West Alameda Business Association (WABA); Robb Ratto, Park Street Business Association (PSBA); Bob Naber; Stephen Crogon and Plato Wang.

Acting Mayor Matarrese stated Alameda has shore side facilities and expertise to handle the boats.

Mr. Naber stated that he has been sailing out of Alameda for approximately thirty years; that he gathered material for Council review; the Interim City Manager knows how to contact him if Council has any questions.

The Interim City Manager stated the first goal is to bring the Cup to San Francisco; only

the Bay Area and Rhode Island have submitted proposals; the City will do everything possible to help San Francisco be successful; the City will end up winning as well.

Acting Mayor Matarrese stated Council is extremely supportive; thanked everyone who participated in the effort.

Councilmember Gilmore thanked everyone; stated people know the type of things the City can accomplish.

Councilmember Tam expressed her appreciation; stated that she is impressed with the community enthusiasm; Alameda has five Councilmembers, less bureaucracy, more streamlining, and great community support.

(10-101) Google Request for Information

The Deputy City Manager - Development Services gave a brief presentation.

Speakers: Jim Meyer, wirealameda.org; Howard Ashcraft; John Michael Kyono, wirealameda.org; Kathy Moehring, WABA; and Robb Ratto, PSBA.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired what is the timeline.

The Deputy City Manager - Development Services responded the City application and community applications need to be submitted by March 26th; stated a press release will be submitted; a resolution will be presented to Council on March 16.

Acting Mayor Matarrese inquired whether information will be posted on the website with a link to wirealameda.org.

The Deputy City Manager – Development Services responded posting on the website would be a great idea; stated Google will make a selection before the end of the year; the impression is that Google would want to get started right away and implement the entire deployment within six or twelve months.

Councilmember Gilmore stated video game players would benefit; having 3-D models of building plans would be great; accessing the internet at peak times without a decrease in speed would be nice; encouraged everyone to think outside the box.

Councilmember Tam stated that she attended the committee meeting organized by Mr. Ashcraft and Mr. Mayer; the City is shovel ready, maritime ready, and now wireless ready; people at Google have no patience for bureaucracy; that she served on the Alameda Hospital Board with Ms. Ezzy Ashcraft and was always looking for ways to save money; health care imaging creates huge opportunities for hospitals; that she looks forward to having a robust, successful application.

Acting Mayor Matarrese thanked everyone for moving fast and decisively on the matter;

stated opportunities will be lost if the City is not first in line; that he looks forward to having the application in by March 26th; encouraged everyone who has a blog or website to publish a link to wirealameda.org.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(10-102) Public Hearing to Consider a Call for Review of the Planning Board's Modification of a Use Permit for Extended Hours of Operation at the Kohl's Store Located at 2201 South Shore Center, and Adoption of Related Resolution. Continued to March 16, 2010.

(10-103) Recommendation to Authorize the Interim City Manager to Enter into Negotiations with Kemper Sports Management for the Long-Term Management and Operation of the Chuck Corica Golf Complex. Continued to March 16, 2010.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

(10-104) Consider Pursing the Establishment of a Task Group to Promote, Market and Support Businesses, Educational and Technology Resource Opportunities. Continued to March 16, 2010.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(10-105) Councilmember Gilmore stated Alameda has been dragged into internet time and cannot afford to let things go through customary channels which needs to be kept in mind when interacting with the community; people's expectations have changed; people want things done yesterday, especially with businesses; when relocating, businesses want to know whether the area is business friendly and know how long it will take to get things from City Hall before the business can be opened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Mayor Matarrese adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

MINTUES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -MARCH 2, 2010- -6:15 P.M.

Acting Mayor Matarrese convened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Gilmore, Tam and Acting Mayor Matarrese
– 3.

Absent: Vice Mayor deHaan and Mayor Johnson – 2.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(10-084) Conference with Labor Negotiator; Agency negotiators: Interim City Manager and Human Resources Director; Employee organizations: Alameda Police Officers Association - Non Sworn Unit, Alameda Police Managers Association and Alameda Fire Managers Association.

(10-085) Liability Claims (54956.95); Claimant: Port of Oakland; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda.

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and Acting Mayor Matarrese announced that regarding Labor, the Council received a briefing on the Non Sworn Police Officers Association negotiations from the Labor Negotiator; no action was taken; and regarding Liability Claims, the Council received a briefing from Legal Counsel regarding a claim from the Port of Oakland; the Council provided direction to Legal Counsel regarding settlement parameters.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Acting Mayor Matarrese adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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